IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re application of | |) |
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| | Randolf Von Oepen, et al. |) |
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| Confirmation No.: | 8379 |) |
| For: | APPARATUS FOR SEALING PUNCTURES IN BLOOD VESSELS |))) |
| Examiner: | Kathleen C. Sonnett |) |
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AMENDMENT "F" AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

VIA eFILE AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed December 17, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.